



# The Role of Advanced Manufacturing in Our Journey to Mars

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# NASA Field Center Locations



**Ames Research Center**  
Aerospace and Small Spacecraft  
Moffett Field, CA

**Armstrong Flight Research Center**  
Atmospheric Research and Testing  
Edwards, CA

**Jet Propulsion Laboratory**  
Deep Space Robotic Rovers and Networks  
Pasadena, CA

**Johnson Space Center**  
Human Space Flight Operations  
Houston, TX

**Stennis Space Center**  
Vehicle Engine Testing  
Bay St. Louis, MS

**Michoud Assembly Facility**  
Large Vehicle Manufacturing  
New Orleans, LA

**Glenn Research Center**  
Aeronautics and Spacecraft  
Technology  
Cleveland, OH

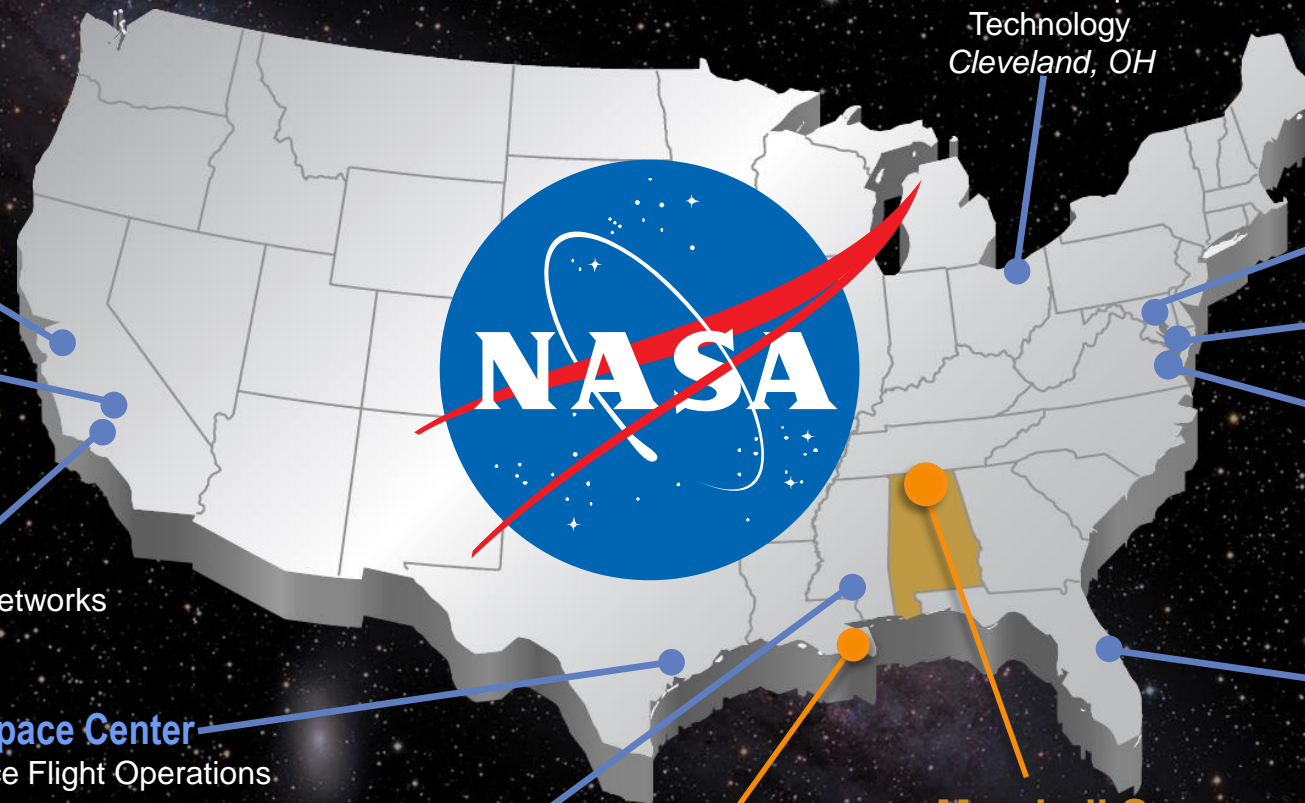
**Goddard Space Flight Center**  
Science Missions and Telescopes  
Greenbelt, MD

**NASA Headquarters**  
Washington, D.C.

**Langley Research Center**  
Aviation and Space Research  
Hampton, VA

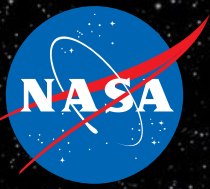
**Kennedy Space Center**  
Space Vehicle Launch and  
Landing  
Cape Canaveral, FL

**Marshall Space Flight Center**  
Space Transportation,  
Propulsion Systems,  
Space Systems, and  
Science  
Huntsville, AL





# NASA Mission Directorates



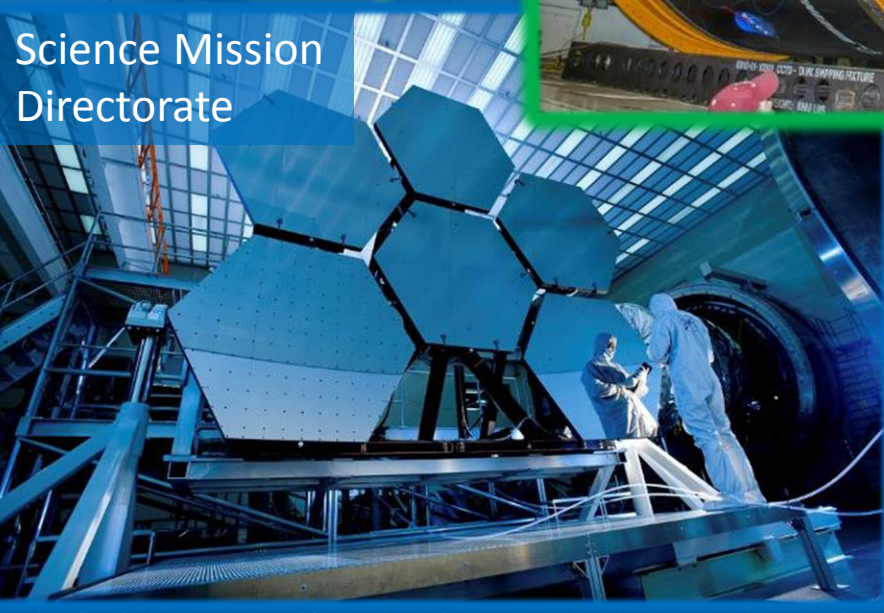
Aeronautics Research  
Mission Directorate



Space Technology  
Mission Directorate



Science Mission  
Directorate

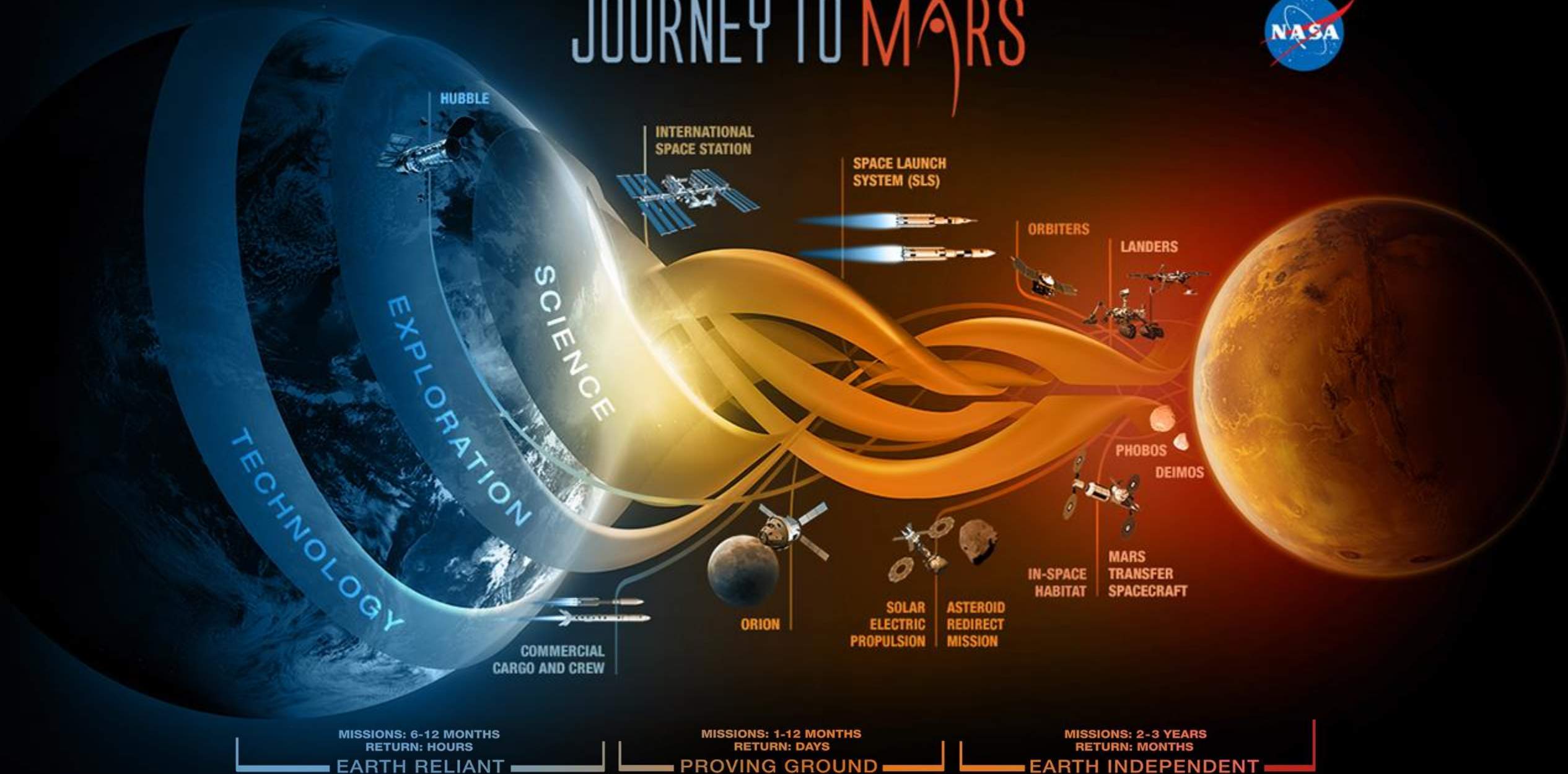


Human Exploration  
and Operations  
Mission Directorate



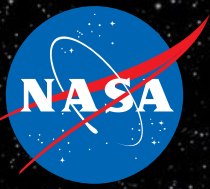


# JOURNEY TO MARS





# NASA: Today Through Mid-2020s



## EARTH RELIANT

NOW - MID-2020s

- International Space Station operation through 2024,
- Commercial development of low-Earth orbit.
- Development of deep space systems, life support and human health





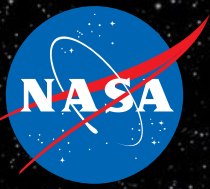
## PROVING GROUND

2018 - 2030

- Regular crewed missions and spacewalks in cislunar space.
- Verify deep space habitation and conduct a yearlong mission to validate readiness for Mars.
- Demonstrate integrated human and robotic operations by redirecting and sampling an asteroid boulder.



# NASA: Moving into 2030s and Beyond



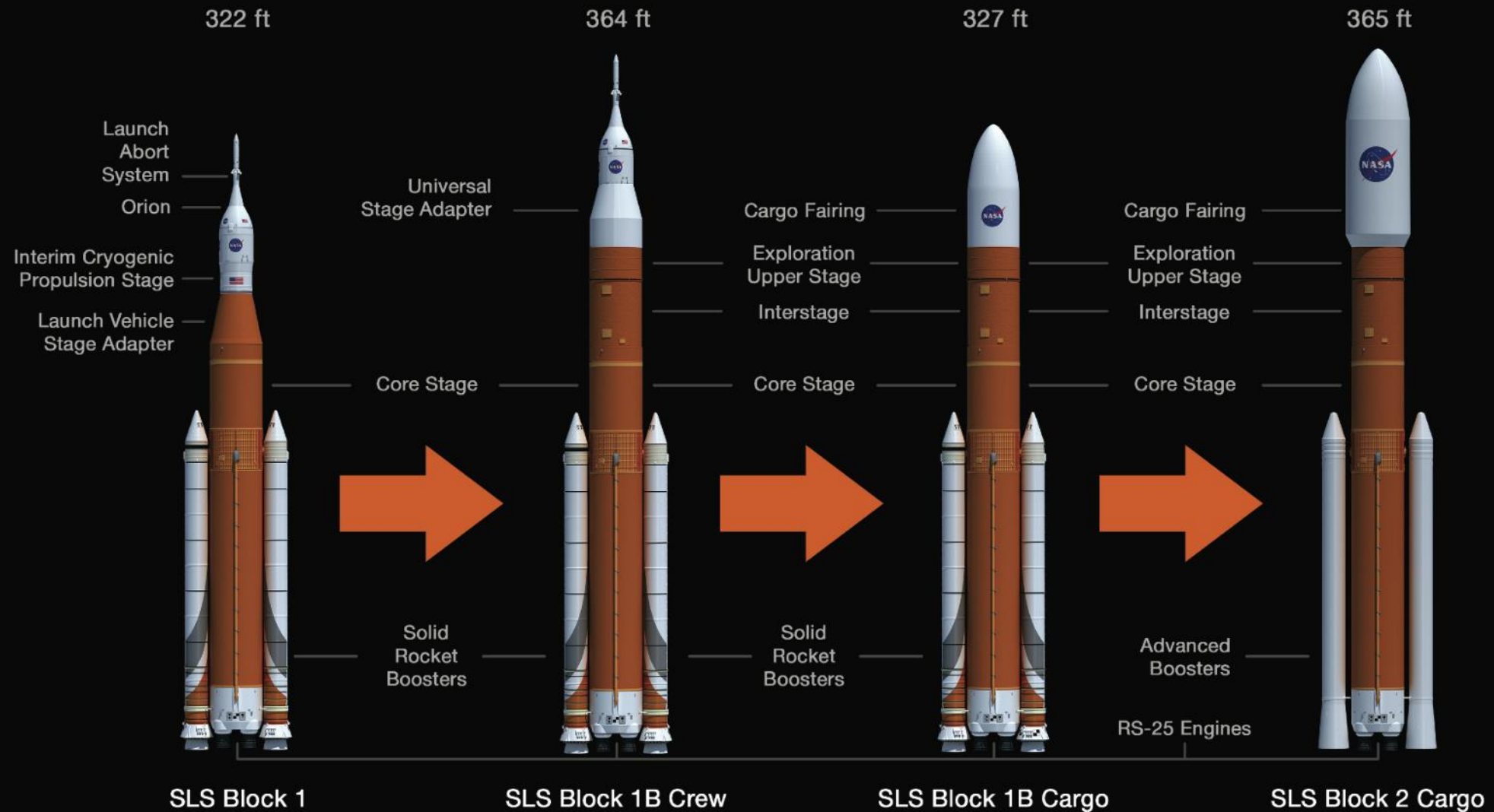
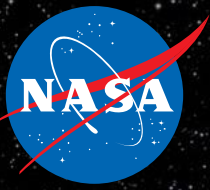
## EARTH INDEPENDENT

NOW - 2030s & Beyond

- Science missions pave the way to Mars.
- Demonstrate entry, descent, and landing and in-situ resource use.
- Conduct robotic round-trip demonstration with sample return in the late 2020s.
- Send humans to orbit Mars in the early 2030s.



# Evolution Plans for Space Launch System (SLS)





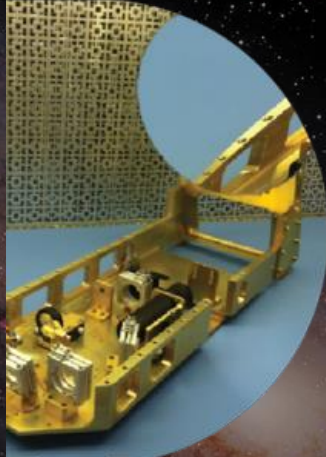
# NASA's Space Technology Themes



*Space Technology focus investments in 7 thrust areas that are key to future NASA missions and enhance national space capabilities.*



**Space Power  
and Propulsion**



**High-Bandwidth Comm,  
Deep Space Navigation,  
Avionics**



**Advanced Life  
Support & Resource  
Utilization**



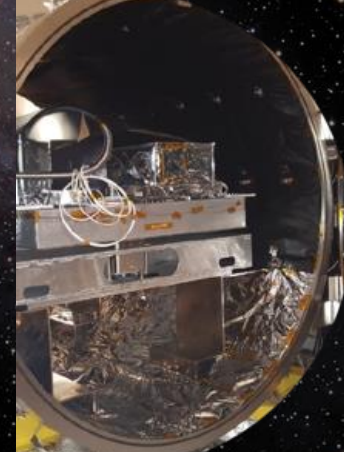
**Entry Descent and  
Landing Systems**



**Autonomy & Space  
Robotic Systems**



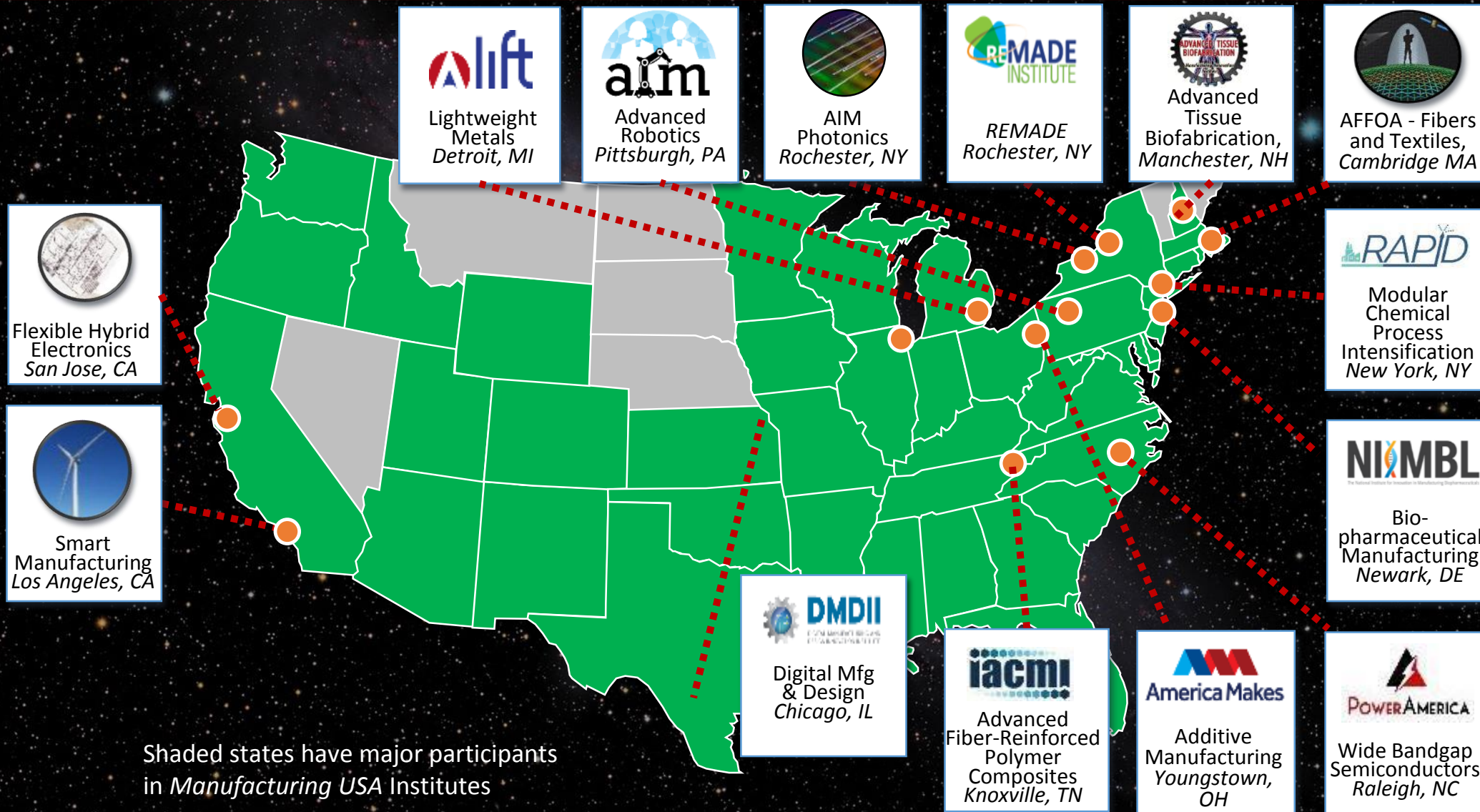
**Lightweight Structures  
& Manufacturing**



**Space Observatory  
Systems**

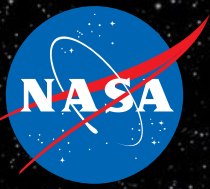


# Manufacturing USA: Today





# Introduction to National Additive Manufacturing Innovation



The National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Institute was launched in August 2012 as a result of President Obama's proposed need for a whole-of-government advanced manufacturing effort.



Mission: To accelerate the adoption of additive manufacturing technologies to increase domestic manufacturing competitiveness.

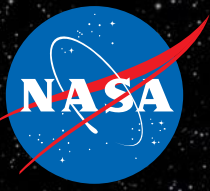


Funding: Five federal agencies - the Departments of Defense, Energy, and Commerce, the National Science Foundation, and NASA – jointly committed to invest \$45 million.

**NASA contributes subject matter experts,  
meaningful data, and use of select facilities.**



# Manufacturing Technologies



NASA seeks to develop technologies that enable manufacturing...

... for space,

... in space

... and “in situ”



Metallics



Composites



Manufacturing to  
Repair, Replace, Recycle



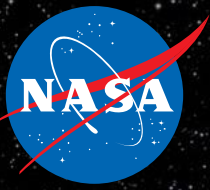
Additive Manufacturing



Earth-Independent  
Manufacturing

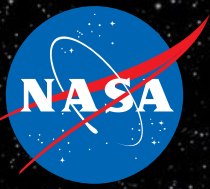


# Metallics and Welding Technologies for Space



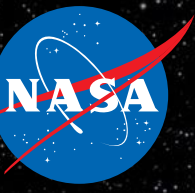


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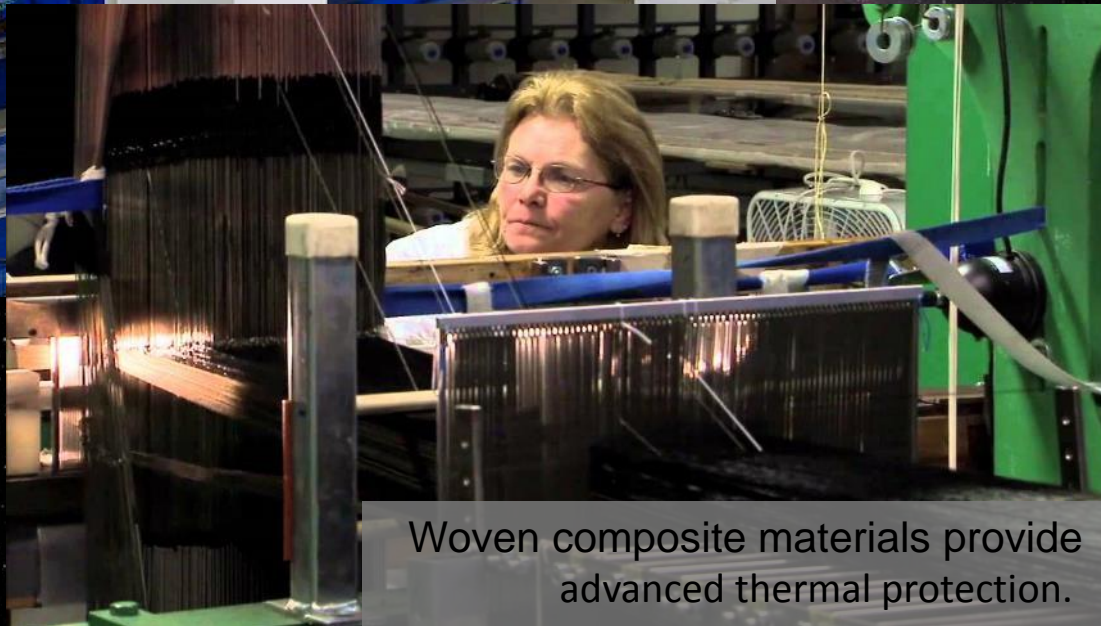
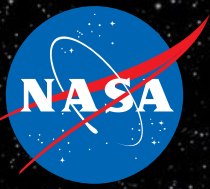


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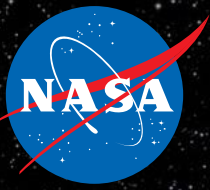


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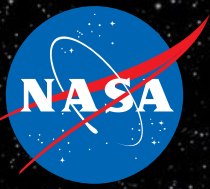


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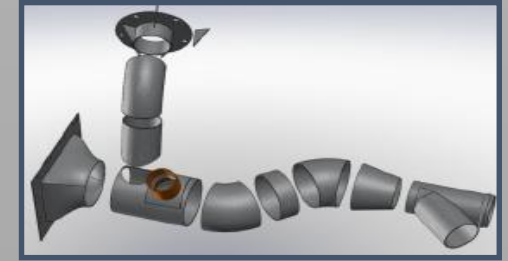




# Why additive manufacturing?



- Enables Mass Production and Customization
- Rapid Manufacturing: Tool-less, Extreme Cycle Time Reductions
- Weight removal increases mission capabilities, saves fuel costs
- Enables complex designs and unitized structures



**Traditional Part:**  
*19 aluminum parts welded together*



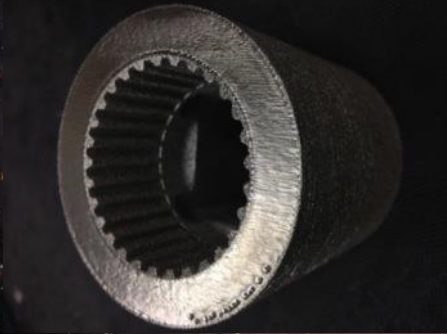
**Additive Manufacturing Part:**  
*1 part*  
*30 % weight reduction*  
*Cost and lead time reductions*



# Additive Technologies for Space



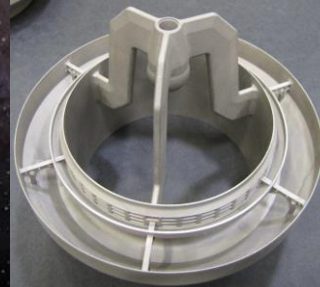
Custom Tooling



Custom Instrumentation



Valve Housing



J-2X Gas Generator Duct

Pogo Z-Baffle

Turbopump Inducer

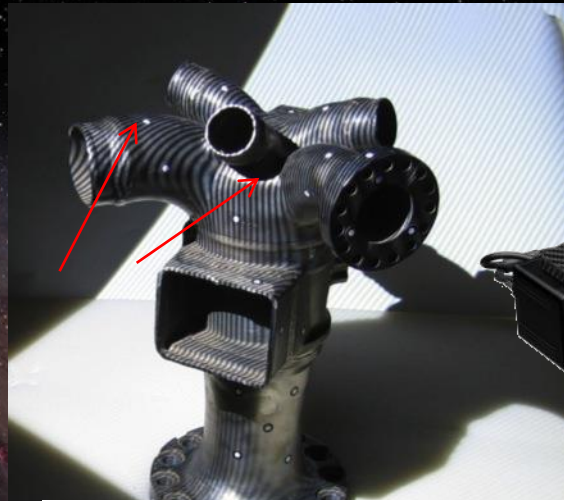
RS-25 Flex Joint



# Structured Light Scanning



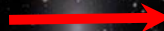
1. Targets are placed on the hardware



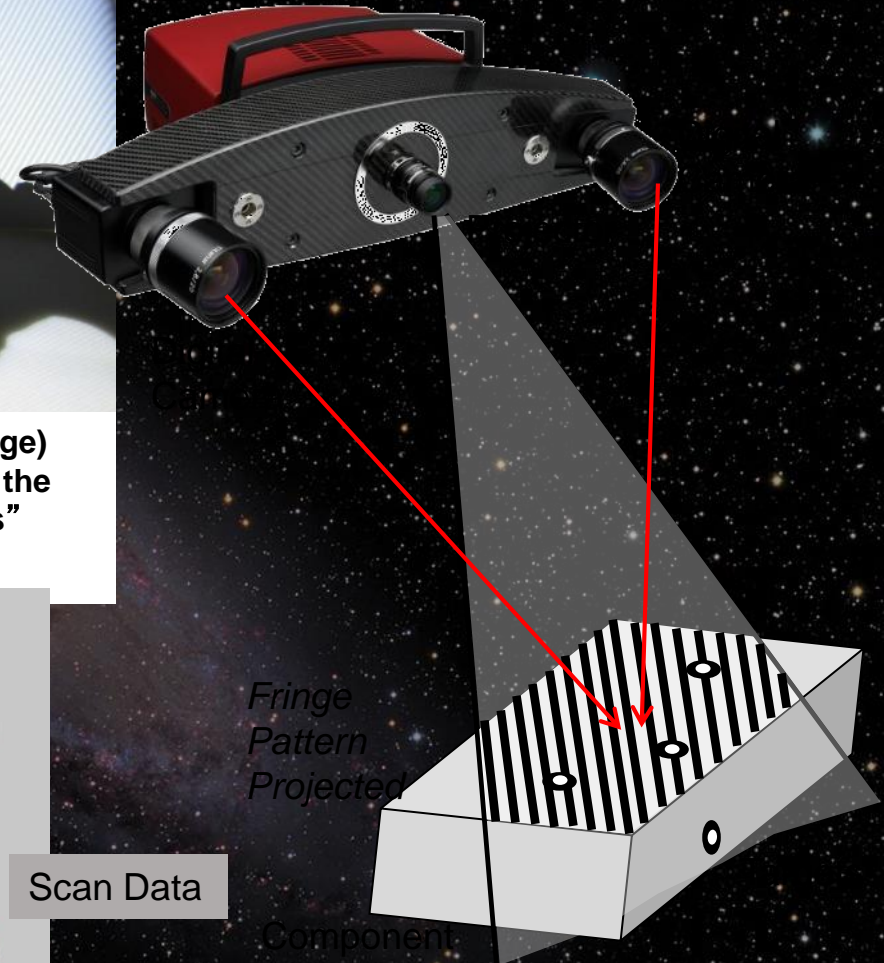
2. Structured light (fringe) pattern projected onto the component that "shifts" rapidly



Digital Photo

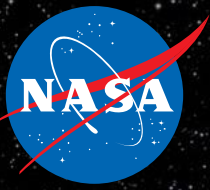


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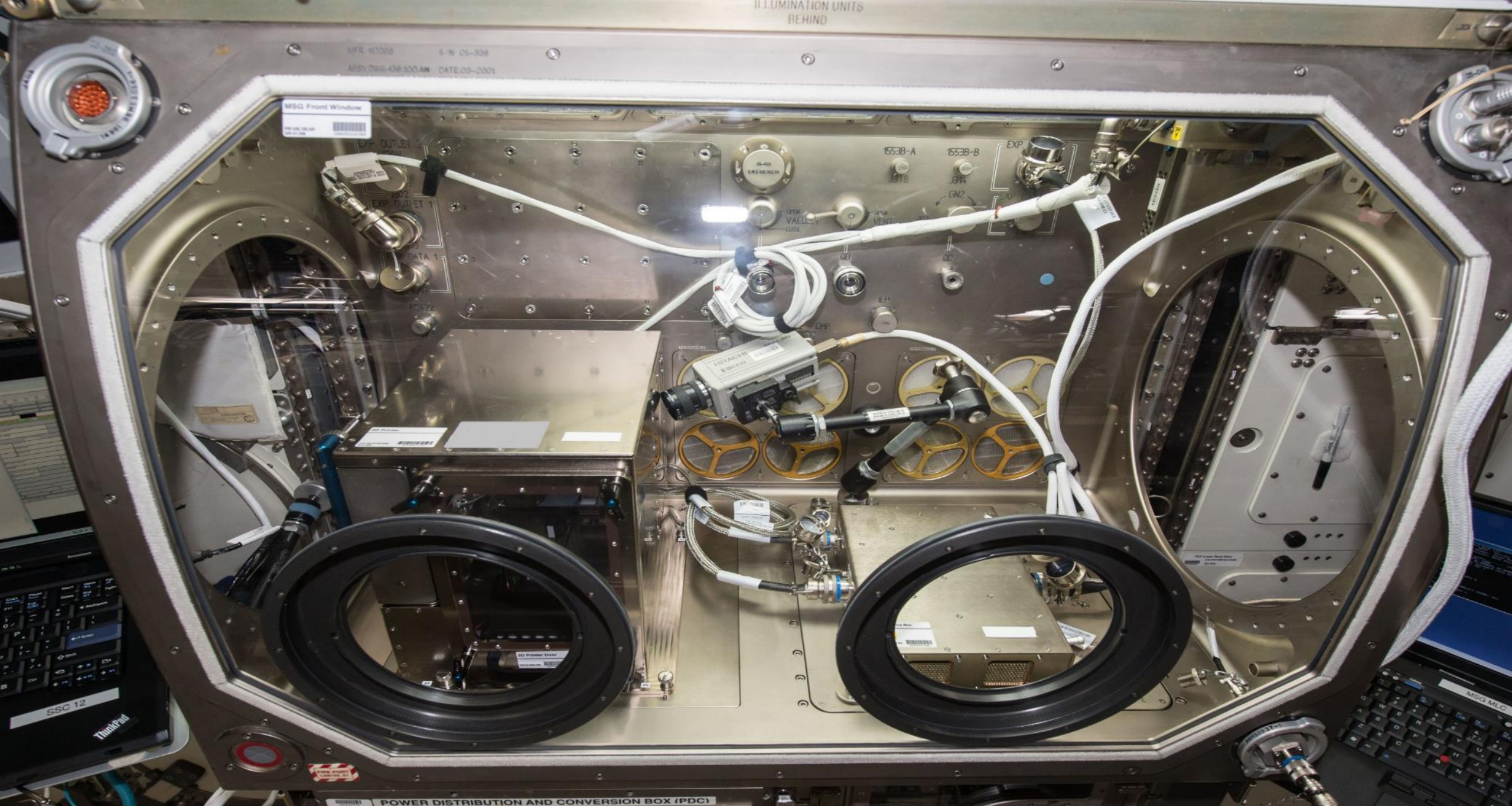




# Additive Technologies – An Aerospace Application

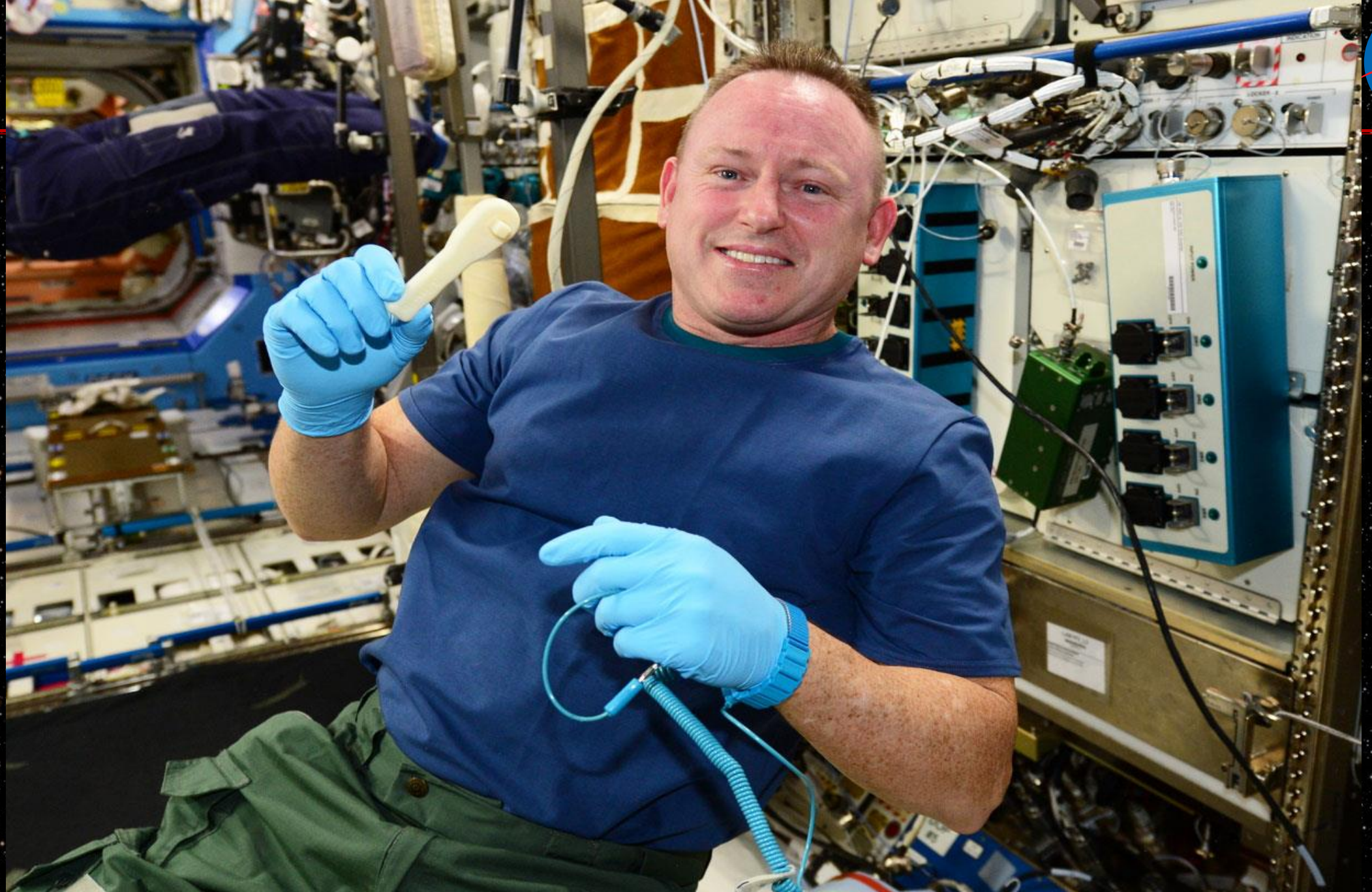
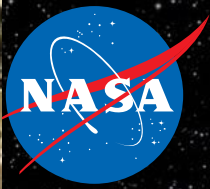






***In-Space Manufacturing 3D Printing in Zero-G Technology Demonstration Onboard the ISS***





***ISS Commander Butch Wilmore holding a Ratchet that was 3D Printed Onboard the ISS***



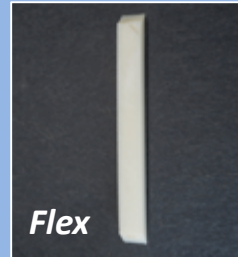
## Completed Phase 1 Technology Demonstration Goals

- Demonstrated critical operational function of the printer
- Completed test plan for 42 ground control and flight specimens
- Identified influence factors that may explain differences between data sets

## Phase II - TBD

- Better statistical sampling
- Demonstrate critical maintenance functions of printer

## Mechanical Property Test Articles



## Functional Tools

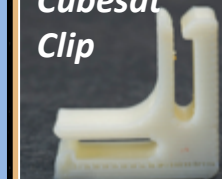
*Crowfoot*



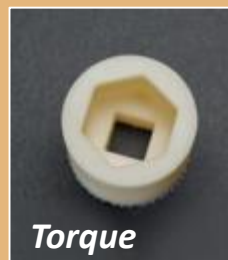
*Ratchet*



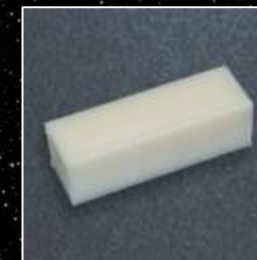
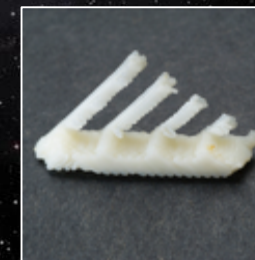
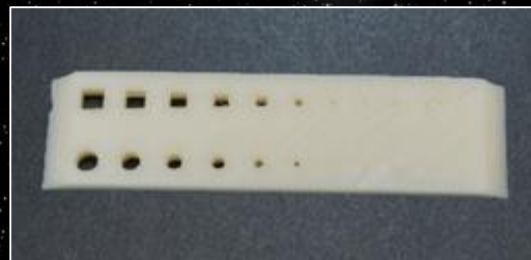
*Cubesat Clip*



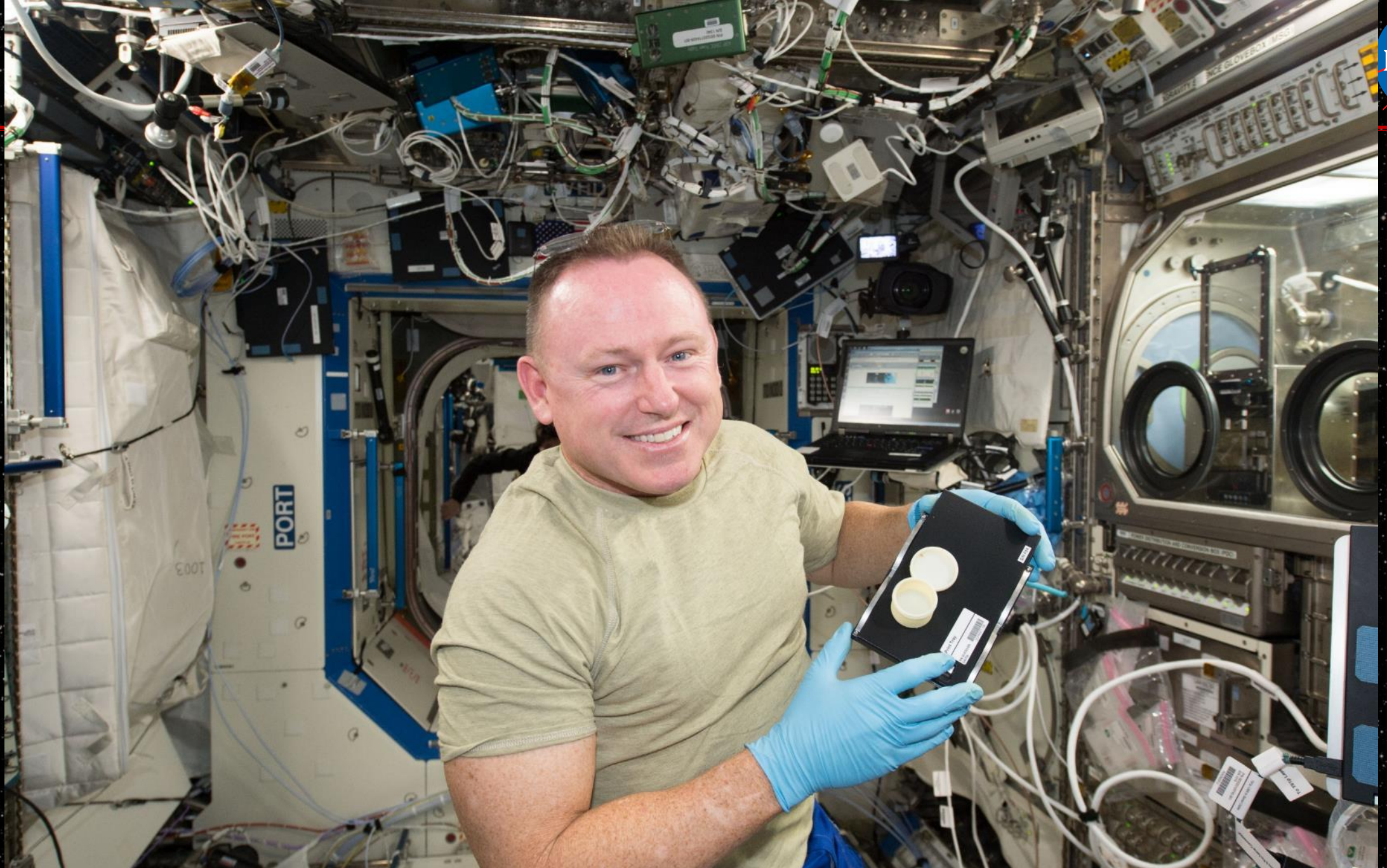
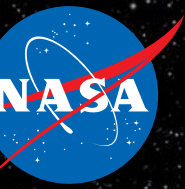
*Container*



*Cap*







***ISS Commander Butch Wilmore with a 3D Printed Sample Container Onboard the ISS***

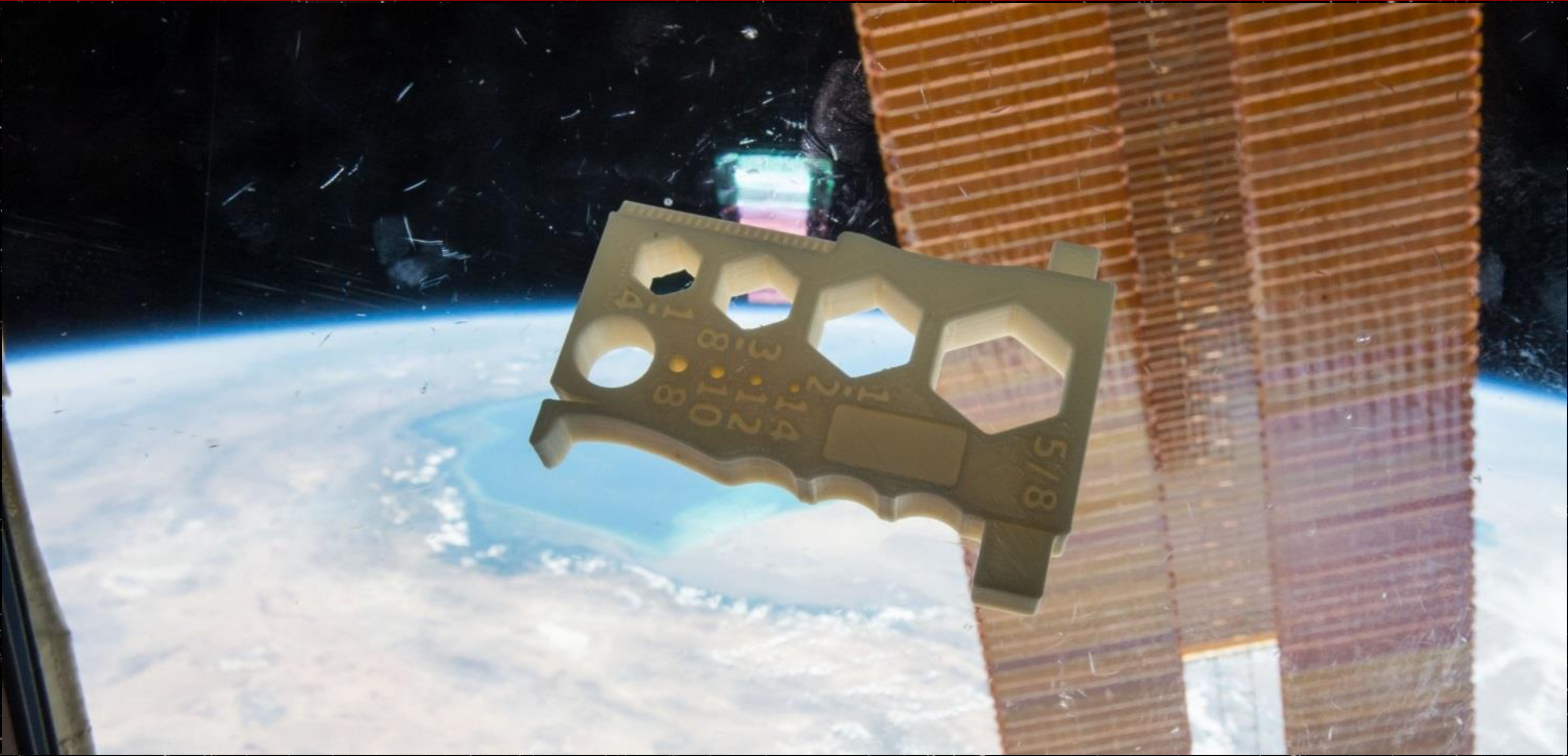
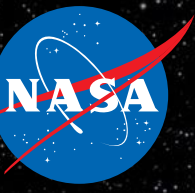




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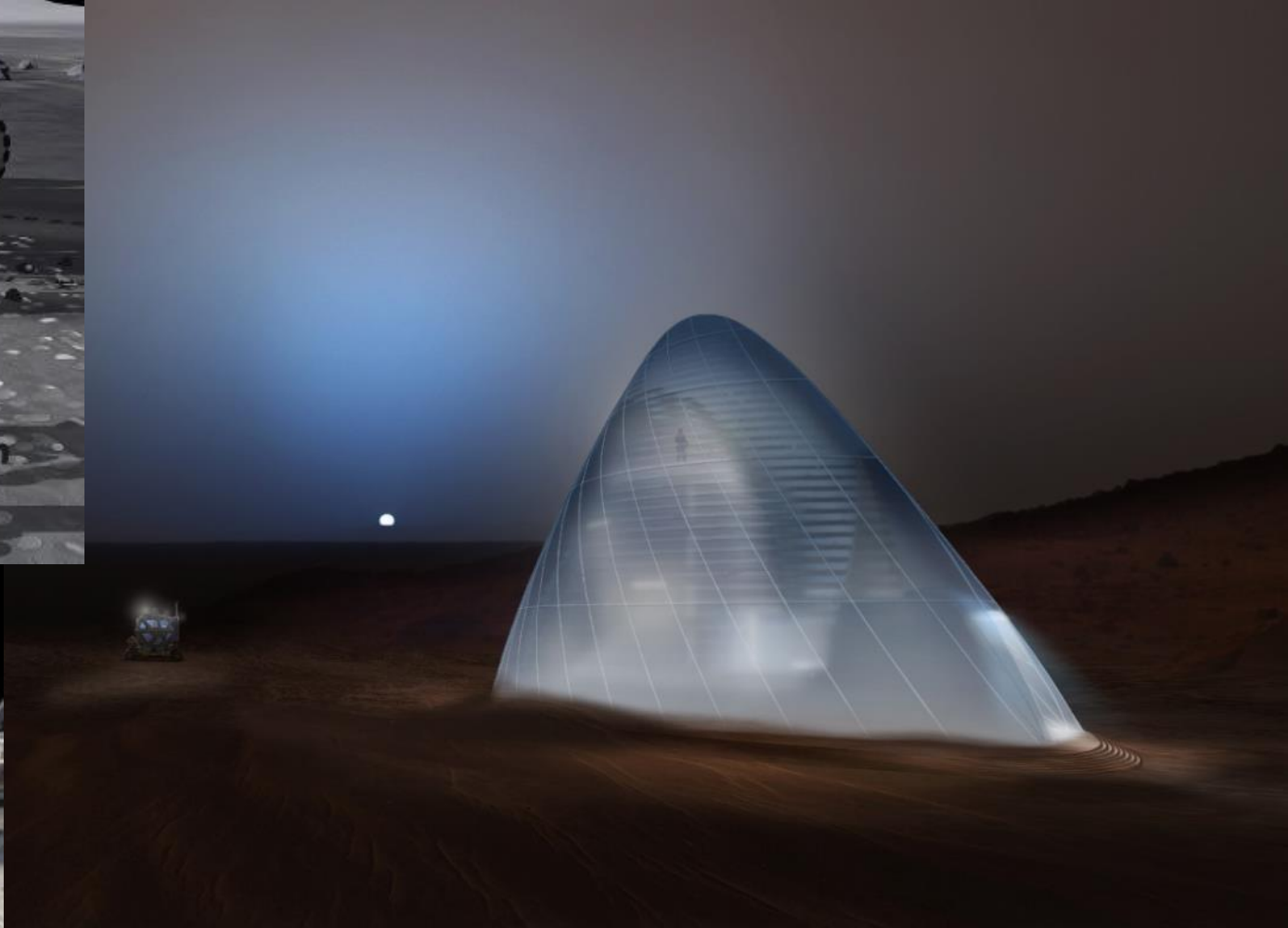
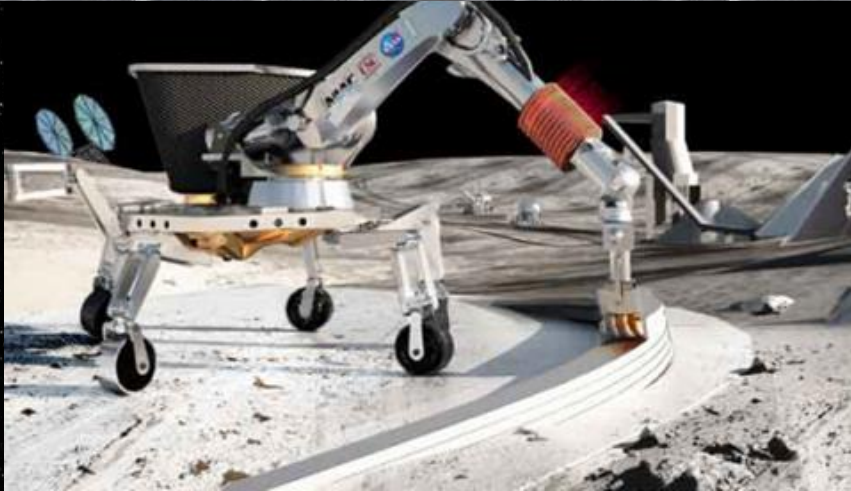
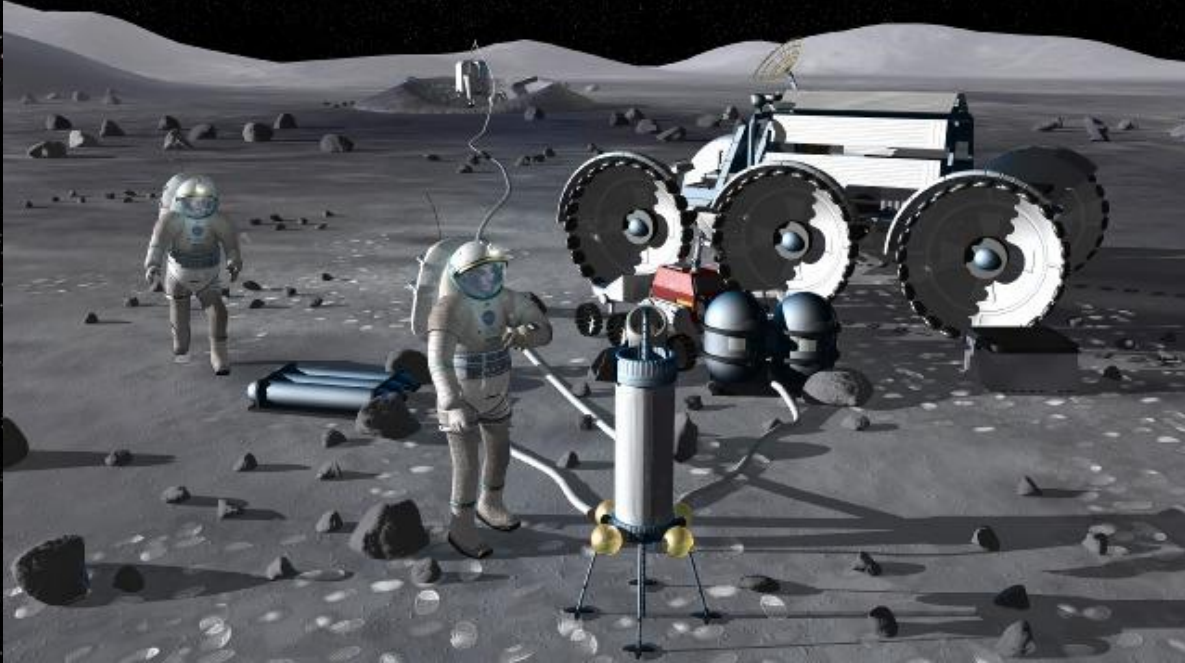
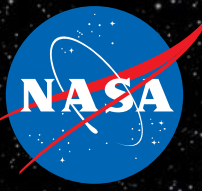


# Student Designed Part Printed on ISS



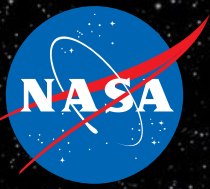


# Manufacturing “In Situ”



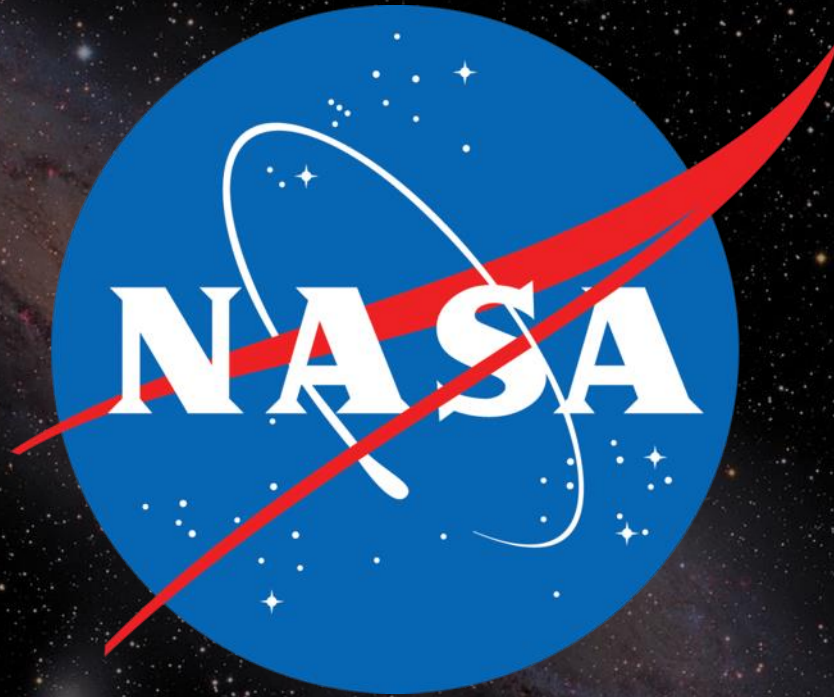
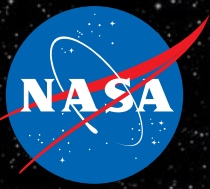


# The Journey Continues...



NASA'S JOURNEY TO  
**MARS**





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